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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 6 and 10 to 27 remain in the application.

The typographical error as appearing in claims 16, 19 28 and 31 was corrected whereby the expression now reads "trough-like". These amendments were made to claims 16 and 19 only as claims 28 and 31 have been cancelled.

Claim 16 was amended to correct an obvious typographical error as appearing therein thus overcoming the objection by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C.§ 112.

Concerning the objection under 35 U.S.C.§ 112 with respect to claim 33, it is pointed out that claim 33 has been cancelled.

Concerning the rejection of claims 28-30, 32 and 34 as well as claims 31 and 33 under 35 U.S.C.§ 103(a), these claims have all been cancelled from this application and accordingly the objection is overcome.

In view of the above amendments, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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